

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME  
DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES  
NEWS RELEASE**



*Cora Campbell, Commissioner  
Jeff Regnart, Director*



Contact:  
Charlie Trowbridge, Area Shellfish Management Biologist  
  
Phone: (907) 235-8191  
Fax: (907) 235-2448

Homer Area Office  
3298 Douglas Place  
Homer, Alaska 99603  
Date Issued: 1/7/2012

**2011 COOK INLET/NORTH GULF COAST  
NONCOMMERCIAL TANNER CRAB PERMITS  
DUE JANUARY 15, 2012**

The deadline to return 2011 Cook Inlet/North Gulf Coast noncommercial Tanner crab permits to the Department of Fish and Game is January 15, 2012. These permits were required in the summer and fall of 2011 to harvest Tanner crab in the sport, personal use, and subsistence fisheries.

Permits must be returned, even if no one named on the permit crabbed, or if no crab were caught. If no one listed on the permit went crabbing, please check the "Did not fish" box on the permit and return it. Crab catch logs should be complete and legible.

Completed permits may be mailed with appropriate postage to the Homer ADF&G office, 3298 Douglas Place, Homer 99603. Permits may also be delivered to ADF&G offices in Anchorage, Homer and Soldotna during regular office hours or after hours in the "drop boxes" provided at each office location. If your permit was lost or damaged, please contact the Homer office at 235-8191.

The emergency order closing waters of Kachemak Bay east of a line from Anchor Point to Point Pogibshi remains in effect during the spring 2012 season. However, other waters of Cook Inlet and the North Gulf Coast, including Resurrection Bay, are open during the spring 2012 season that ends March 15. A new permit is required before taking Tanner crab. Spring 2012 permits are currently available at ADF&G offices in Anchorage, Homer and Soldotna and at the Fish House in Seward. Permit holders must log catches before leaving the fishing area.

The information on the permit is needed to accurately assess and manage these crab fisheries, and to continue to provide these fishing opportunities in the future.

**-end-**